

Harry Harper May Be of Little Use to Griffmen as the Result of Injured Arm

MAY LOSE HARPER THROUGH LAME ARM

Physician Says Pitcher Has Injured Nerve Running From Shoulder to Wrist.

TROUBLE STARTED IN 1916

Mike Moran, Washington Sandlotter, Is Offered to Augusta Club.

By LOUIS A. DOUGHER.

AUGUSTA, Ga., March 16.—Harry Harper, the Griffmen's tall southpaw may be of little or no use to his team this season as a result of an accident in Chicago last summer. Dr. T. L. Davis, an osteopathic physician here, who examined Harper's shoulder declares him to be suffering from an injured nerve in his shoulder, extending to his wrist, and has counseled rest.

The condition of Harper is the only worry to Manager Griffith's mind, for the other players are rapidly attaining perfect shape for the opening of the exhibition games. But Harper is unable to get into playing condition before the campaign gets under way, the team is going to be greatly handicapped. No other southpaw on the pitching staff has either the ability or the big league experience of the Hackenschack lad.

Moran Offered Augusta. Manager Griffith believes Harper ought to work out his trouble, but this is in direct contrast to the orders of the physician, who will probably be obeyed.

Mike Moran has been offered to the Augusta club, of the South Atlantic League, according to President Kalbfleisch. The Washington sandlotter is playing good ball in the daily practice games, but lacks the finish necessary for the big show.

Corp. J. H. Dean, in charge of the daily military drill of the Griffmen, may be attached to the Washington club for the remainder of the season, if permission can be obtained from the War Department.

Griff Takes a Hand.

Manager Griffith, thoroughly imbued with the idea of military training for all young men, has written for permission allowing Capt. G. V. Held, head of the Southern district recruiting service to forward the letter to the Washington officials. A reply is expected in a day or so.

Corporal Dean is enthusiastic over the good showing of the players under his command and welcomes the possible opportunity of traveling with his charges all summer. He says that though he does not know what the other clubs are doing, he thinks the Griffmen can win the big prize offered by Ben Johnson, the best drilled team in the circuit.

Griff's Three-base Hints. Ed Griffith's thunderous triple to the left field fence, driving in two runs that tied the tally, and Eddie Alenith's single in a pinch, scoring Griffith gave the Yantigans a four-to-three victory in the afternoon clash yesterday and made it an even break on the day's work.

Greatly improved pitching marked the day's practice. Gallia and Jamieson declined to overwork themselves, but Craft, Shaw, Humphrey, Ayres, Thomas, and Flaherty all looked good. Thomas allowed three hits in six innings, with Flaherty doing the same for five. Only one hit was made off Humphrey in four innings, with but two off Craft in the same number. Shaw gave three in four innings. Of all the pitchers seen, Thomas and Flaherty were the best, though Humphrey was close behind.

Foster Hits Well.

Eddie Foster awoke from his batting lethargy, and spanked out three hits in the afternoon, while his fielding was remarkably smooth. Carl Sawyer got but one hit all day, but he turned in some great feinting acrobatic stunts. He is showing himself a capable understudy for Foster at second.

Mike Martin decided balls and strikes and officiated on plays at second base and the plate during the afternoon. Joe Cantillon acted as first base umpire and Altrock did the same at third. The players kidded Cherrydale's famous mayor, but his work was generally good.

Manager Griffith failed to attend the afternoon festivities, being detained down town with Harper. George McBride was in charge of the squad in his absence. The score by innings of the afternoon game.

Regulars.....200 000 100-3 8 2

Yantigans.....010 000 003-4 7 1

Batteries: Thomas, Jamieson and Henry; Flaherty, Ayres and Griffith.

Committee Will Talk Over Reforming Rules

Haughton and Sanford Reforms Will Come Up For Consideration When Football Session Is Held Today.

By JOE VILLA.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Members of the Football Rules Committee began their annual session at the Biltmore today. It is believed that, in spite of numerous suggestions from gridiron sharps, the rule makers will not adopt radical reforms.

The prevalent opinion seems to be that football, as it was played last fall, was productive of satisfactory results.

Haughton Has Changes. Among the important suggestions is one from Coach Percy D. Haughton, of Harvard, who insists that the length of a game should be measured by a certain number of plays instead of a fixed time limit of four fifteen-minute periods. But it is extremely improbable that the Haughton plan will be adopted.

It is pointed out that the average game consists of about 200 plays, fifty in each quarter, and that many of them are misplays in the form of fumbles and penalties.

Persons who oppose the Haughton plan argue that football games, under the present rules, consume about two hours and twenty minutes and that this lapse of time is sufficient from the standpoint of players and spectators.

Time Is Wasted. The Harvard coach, on the other hand, declares that much valuable time is wasted by "stalling."

Two new wrinkles were developed

BOWIE IS ON EDGE FOR COMING MEET

Horses Are Stabled and Ready for Spring Opening April 2.

BOWIE, March 16.—Bowie is on edge for the opening of the spring meeting, on Monday, April 2. New stables have been built to replace those destroyed by fire last fall, and 100 additional stalls have been provided.

The track is in excellent condition. Applications have been received for several hundred stalls in excess of the accommodations. Track Superintendent Pending is confident that it will be the best meeting ever held in this section.

Most of the big stables from New Orleans and Havana are now here with new arrivals daily. The following are a few of those already here: Harry Payne Whitney with twenty-five; Grant Hugh Browne with twenty-four imported ones; the Mosgrove stable with Runes and twenty others; W. A. Burtchell and five others; Tom Shannon with Kentucky Boy and six others; James Arthur with twenty-two, among them being Water Lady and the champion two-year-old, Bondage; Buck Foreman with Hauber; Joe Pinn, Harry Lauder, six two-year-olds, and a high-priced two-year-old by Polygamus.

In addition Benning has over a hundred which will be sent to Bowie, including some two-year-olds. A. B. Dadae will be starter and the officials will be the same as last year. It will be a twelve-day meeting—April 2 to 14, inclusive.

PLAN G. W. LEAGUE

Teams Asked to Meet Monday to Start Up Circuit.

An Interdepartmental baseball league for George Washington will be started at a meeting planned for Monday at 12:15, 2027 street. The meeting is being called by J. Lenovitz. He expects an organization to be formed similar to that which started last year.

Officers of the league will be elected as part of the business, then a possible schedule will be mapped out. It is the plan of Lenovitz to start this league so that the teams may get first choice of the diamonds when they open for the spring.

It is possible, too, that the pharmacy and veterinary colleges will be asked to join forces and form a team, as it is the opinion of baseball enthusiasts at G street that each of those two departments is too small to support a team separately.

By JOE VILLA.

last fall, the multiple kick and the artificial tee, which will come up for considerable discussion. Multiple kick, invented by George Sanford, is accomplished when two players hold the ball for a goal try by a third man.

There is nothing in the rules to prevent this play inasmuch as a goal can be made in any way except by a punt or a kick-off. The artificial tee, from which place kicks were frequently made was usually a player's helmet or a chunk of baked clay which was suddenly brought onto the gridiron from the side lines.

Multiple Kick Comes Up. It is barely possible that the rule makers will not eliminate the multiple kick for the reason that it has been a time honored custom to allow one player to poise the ball before a field goal is attempted. So why not two?

The rule against interference with a player attempting to catch a forward pass may be amended so that the penalty will be increased. It is charged that some teams last fall preferred to receive a fifteen-yard penalty for such interference rather than permit their opponents to make a greater gain with a successful forward throw.

If the penalty is increased to twenty-five yards from the point where the ball is put in play the desired results may be obtained.

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BASEBALL PLAYERS IN FINE FIX NOW

Threatened Strike Finds Practically All Teams Far From Home Fields.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Baseball, just recovering from a terrible struggle with Dave Fulton and his crowd of fratemizers is in a fine fix today. Every major league baseball club the country contains is miles and miles from home—and the railroad men say they're going to stop running trains.

Thus, thrown right up to them, there is the prospect of no trains home for the axe victims, and no trains North for those who stick. Also, there is the prospect of the middle West worrying along without having seen the Red Sox and the Dodgers stage a repetition of last autumn's world series, although it is generally believed the middle West would stand it without any trouble.

Reports from training camps declare the magnates are not worrying over it a bit. Having crushed the threat of a strike of their own they believe every one else should be prepared to do the same.

The strike, if put into full effect, will be in full blast just when the major leaguers begin to entertain thoughts of starting homeward.

ROLL BALTIMORE TEAM ON TUESDAY

Keane's Grand Centrals Arrange Date for Match in Monumental City.

Next Tuesday has been set for the match between Tom Keane's Grand Centrals, of the National Capital League, and the Baltimore Athletic Club duckpin team, which will be rolled in the Monumental City. Keane's team will be accompanied with a number of fans.

Jim Head, who has a team in the Center Market League, gave up rolling for a time—became disgusted with the little maples—but he is back at 'em.

Bill Rider has a tough time with his Good Fellows in the District League. Nearly every match one of the members fails to show up, and William signs somebody to take his place right off the bat.

Washington City Tenpin League bowlers are showing more pep, probably, than any other pinplifiers in the city. The handicap system of the league has evened up the teams in such a manner that everyone is endeavoring to figure the winner. Even the last team in the league has a chance for the pennant.

Mort Lindsey, nationally known tenpin bowler, had a difficult time breaking even with Southpaw Hammer in a six-game match at the Royal last week. On one alley at the Royal Hammer can average nearly 200. That's the one he picked to roll Lindsey, admitting he wouldn't have much chance on any other.

IN TENNIS FINALS

Women's Indoor Titles to Be Decided Tomorrow.

NEW YORK, March 16.—Miss Marie Wagner, five times holder of the women's national indoor lawn tennis championship, will meet Miss Eleanor Goss, a Brooklyn girl, tomorrow in the finals of the 1917 tournament.

Mrs. Jack Anderson and Miss Edith Howe will play Miss Marie Wagner and Miss Margaret Taylor for the doubles championship. Miss Goss, a novice at tournament play, created a sensation yesterday by disposing of Miss Marion Vanderhoef, one of the strongest players in the East, 4-6, 13-11 and 7-5. Miss Wagner defeated Miss Corina Winn, 6-1, 6-4.

BREWER TO RUN

Maryland State Star Enters New York Track Title Events.

Brooke Brewer, Maryland State sprinter, will get a chance to race in New York Saturday night at the Metropolitan A. A. U. championship, if it is decided to take a chance on the railroad strike and send him.

Brewer is entered in the 60-yard and 300-yard dashes against the best sprinters in the country. Loomis, Morse, Moore, Tachner, Myers, and O'Hara will compete.

SET NEW GOLF RECORD.

PINEHURST, N. C., March 16.—The amateur and professional record on course No. 3 was broken yesterday by Parker Whittemore, of Brookline. Playing in a four-ball match Whittemore went out in 36, and came in in 28, three strokes under par. Philip Carter established an amateur record of 70 on this course last year, and Alex Ross, professional, also had a 70 some years ago.

BOB THAYER'S GOSSIP ON SPORTING MATTERS

The University of Pittsburgh is sending its eligibility rules ahead. The Pitt rules are short. High scholarship standing, physical fitness determined by a physician's certificate, strict amateurism, the four year rule, attendance in college, and a year residence rule are the main points of the code. Pitt is making a bid for a place in the sun.

Football solons are meeting today to take up several minor points in the code in need of changes. Foster Sanford's proposed legislation against cutting down from behind is the only one we would favor. Some method of protection for the forward passer is asked as in the case of the punter, but that is thought to put too much of a premium upon the side in possession of the ball.

Considerably more far reaching in its effects upon baseball than the recent troubles is the proposed railroad strike. The Eastern seaboard teams could make trips by boat and in machines as could the Western teams between cities. East versus West games, however, would be another matter.

We were fortunate enough to see John Overton break the world's indoor track record for the mile in Philadelphia the other night, and it would be almost too much good fortune to be able to get a glimpse of Overton, Devanny, Myers, and Ray in the event at New York tomorrow night. Such a performance as that made by Overton is an inspiration and a happening which comes about once in a lifetime.

George Whitted of the Phillies, one of the best players in the National League, says that unless President Baker accepts his terms he will retire from baseball.

WHERE THEY ROLL.

District—Westons vs. Garlisons, at Royal. National Capital—Royal vs. Palace, at Royal. Postoffice—Station B. vs. Carriers M. O. at Postoffice. Masonic—Mt. Pleasant vs. Harbony; National vs. Washington Centennial, at Royal. Agriculture Interurban—Markets vs. States Relations, at Casino. Navy Yard—Torpedo vs. Erecting, at Capitol Hill. Georgetown—Commercial—C. F. Ash vs. Fraix, at Georgetown. Bureau of Printing and Engraving—Electricians vs. Examiners, at Rathskeller. Southeast—East Station vs. Baby Granda, at Southeast. Capital City—Jewels vs. Easterns, at Rathskeller. Interstate—Cost Bureau vs. Engineers, at Arcade. Commercial—Washington Gas vs. Merchants Transfer, at Palace. Knights of Columbus—Salvador vs. Margaret; Balboa vs. Isabella, at National Capital. Arcade—New York Life Insurance vs. W. F. Roberts Company, at Arcade. Mt. Pleasant—Decatur vs. Corby Bakery, at Arcade. Columbia—Rosedales vs. Rattery, at Columbia. Fourteenth Street—Avalons vs. Youngs, at Speedway. Departmental—Land vs. Treasury, at Palace. Bureau of Standards—Union vs. Crackerjacks, at Arcade. Central—Bluemonts vs. Colorado, at National Capital. Capitol Hill—Deweys vs. Germania, at Capitol Hill. Anacostia—Seventeenth Streeters vs. Fat Men, at Anacostia. Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone—Contract vs. Cashiers; Engineers vs. Interdepartmental; Auditors vs. Construction, at Grand Central.

NOVEL GOLF EVENT.

NEW YORK, March 16.—The popular "Fathers and Sons" golf tournament this season will be held Monday, July 2, at the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club.

SCHOOLBOY TEAMS WILL HOLD MEETS

Business Gets Action at School Today and Western Tomorrow.

Two schoolboy track teams will get action today and tomorrow. Business is staging the first indoor meet at the school gym today in many years. Coach White has gotten about twenty-five athletes and will hold a short program.

Tomorrow morning Western High School athletes, juniors and seniors, will compete at the school outdoors if the weather is seasonable. The Westerners will have a fifty, two-twenty, and high jump.

Next week these schools are due for a dual meet on Friday afternoon. Considerable interest is being shown by the boys at both schools in track affairs.

Central has announced a series of novice meets to be held Fridays. Manager Herbert Parcher is designated official scorer. There will be the regular events, as listed for the annual high school meet. Competitors must have trained two weeks for the various events before participating.

Business is expecting seventy candidates out for the baseball team. The nine has arranged a good trip during the Easter holidays.

Central will send a relay team to the Penn relays next month according to Coach Foley. Latta, McLean, Nash, and Connor represented Central indoors. There are several other Central quartermilers who are expected to displace one or two of these winners.

Eastern is another school which has planned an Easter trip. The Easterners have had unusual success during the past two years in baseball.

Ed Crowe, Georgetown's football star of last year, is handling the Georgetown Prep. Cooney and Corbett are missing from the ranks.

WESTOVERS GIVE SMOKER.

Westover, A. C. members and guests gathered at the club house in goodly numbers last night to the smoker and entertainment given by the organization. Boxing bouts featured the program, the McMurray-Walton exhibition proving especially interesting. Westovers will have two baseball teams this year, league and independent.

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